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Since my last visit I have visited quite a number of people, but having nothing of special interest for our readers to write of several of them, I have been silent.

I was glad to find the new pastors at Oxford and Hordland, for with Rev. A. M. Crockett at the former and Rev. N. W. P. Bacon at the latter, taking hold in real earnest and fast becoming identified with our state work, I heard good reports from their respective members of both of them.

The most overworked preacher perhaps in the State is Rev. T. J. Bailey, of Winona. Besides being pastor of the Winona church, he is editor of a religious paper, recording secretary of our State Convention, vice-president of the Home Mission Board for Mississippi, and—well, the rest I cannot recall. But he seems equal to the whole and enjoys his work much.

A day or two in Vicksburg circulating among the Baptists of the Hill City, was one of the pleasant events of a recent trip. The Record has a good list of subscribers here, and several of them are still active.

What from the effects of his recent mishap, but able to attend to his pastoral duties. He is much beloved by his flock and in turn quite devoted to his people. Some strong efforts have been made to move him to prominent fields in other States, but he has discouraged them, preferring to remain where he believes the Lord yet has more work for him to do.

The work at Yazoo City, under the leadership of Rev. A. J. Miller, is moving on nicely. I was much pleased to learn from the pastor that the outlook here is quite hopeful. I had never before visited Yazoo City, but had learned of it so, having heard so much of it, I must confess that what I had heard did not measure up to what I saw. It is well located; is one of the busiest towns in the State; has the cleanest streets and the most appearance of all the towns I have visited; and embraces in its population of 5,000 or more, some of the biggest hearted folks I have ever met.

The church could have scarcely made a wiser selection than when Bro. Miller was chosen for Yazoo City, for from all that I could see and hear, not from him, but others, he is admirably suited to the place. He and the brethren feel very keenly the need of a new house of worship, and I sincerely trust that they may see their way clear in the near future to "rise up and build."

Dr. Sproule and his people are yet worshipping in the Sunday School room of their hall in Jackson. The main auditorium may not be in a shape to use for some time—not, I suppose, till the money can be raised to raise it. Since the building was begun, the church has lost heavily by death and removal. This, I trust, has retarded the work so little.

It was my privilege to preach both at Edwards and Merion on a recent trip, also to hear a most excellent sermon from Bro. J. L. Low, who ministers quite acceptably to the churches at both of these points.

Dr. Sellers and his people at Starkville began some weeks since, to make preparations for the opening of the Convention there in July, and I have no doubt they will be ready to extend a hearty reception to all that attend.

The new pastor at Shreveport, Rev. J. F. Bailey, has been on the field about two months and has been preaching three Sundays each month to the delight of our people, who are much pleased with him. He preaches up at Crawford one Sunday in each month.

Your correspondent was quite anxious to attend the meeting of the S. B. C. at Chattanooga, but by a "concatenation of concurrent circumstances" (this is a quotation) he was prevented from going.

H. M. Lusk.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINARY JACKSON, TENN., JUNE 9 to 30, 1896.

REDUCED RATES VIA M. & O. R. R.

For the occasion mentioned above, the M. & O. R. R. will sell tickets to Jackson, Tenn., and return on one fare for round trip, selling on June 16, good to return June 17, and on June 26, good to return June 29, 1896.

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